facilities in various districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the status of the STD building in Polavanam, West Godavari District in the Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what are the special emphasis to expedite the early facilitation of operation of STD facility in the places of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) It is planned to provide STD facility in all Taluk Head-Quarters in the first phase. Sites have already been acquired at 24 such places and efforts are in progress to acquire sites in remaining 52 places.

(b) Negotiations are in progress for early acquisition of site at Polavanam with Revenue Authorities for construction of Tower and for housing equipment to provide S.T.D. facility.

(c) It is planned to provide STD facility in all the remaining exchanges progressively during VIIIth Plan period for which special drive is on to procure land at required places.

Austerity Measures *to* Curtail Administrative Expenditure

1885. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of austerity measures taken up by Government to curtail administrative expenditure;

(b) what has been the results of these austerity measures in terms of reduction of expenditure; and

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the implementation of these austerity measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Keeping the government expenditure under control is a continuous exercise. Instructions are issued from time to time regarding specific measures to be taken to effect economy in expenditure or to avoid wasteful expenditure. The measures taken by the Government in this regard include reduction in posts at various levels, ban on air travel by first class, ban on accommodation in hotel suites while on tour, an overall out on travel, reduction in consumption/expenditure on petrol/diesel; restriction of expenditure on OTA. surrender of 10% telephone lines, restrictions on conferences/seminars/workshops, entertainment (including lunches /dinners), purchase of vehicles, decorative lighting and curtailment in expenditure on consumption of electricity. The Ministry-wise details are not maintained centrally. It is, therefore, difficult to quantify the financial impact of these measures.

Arrears of Corporate Tax and Income Tax

1886. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the cumulative arrears for Corporate Tax and Income Tax at the end of March, 1992;

(b) how it compares with the position that of March, 1980 and March, 1985;

(c) whether any action plan was drawn to reduce the arrears; and

(d) if so, what is the target fixed under the plan and achievement made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The following was the position of outstanding demand of Income-tax (including corporation tax):

(Rs. in crores)

31st March 1992	31st March 1985	31st March 1980
4219	1493	1012

The demands as on 31-3-92 and 31-3-85 were the realisable demands whereas the demand as on 31-3-80 was the total outstanding demand.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, The reduction of outstanding demand is one of the key areas of the Action Plan of the Department The achievement in reduction/collection of arrear demand is 7% (provisional) upto

June 1993 against the target of 60% for the financial year 1993-94 and the reduction/ collection of current demand is 79% (provisional) upto June 1993 against the target of 85% for the financial year 1993-94.

बैंकिंग प्रणाली में सुधार किया जाना

1887. **डा० नौनिहाल सिंह :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार देश की बैंकिंग प्रणाली में सुधार लाने के लिए और इनमें बरती जा रही अनियमितताओं को समाप्त करने हेतु क्या ठोस कदम उठा रहीं है; और

(ख) इस दिशा में सरकार की भावी योजनाएं क्या हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) और (ख) वित्तीय प्रणाली संबंधी समिति की सिफारिशों के अनुसरण में नीतिगत पहलें शुरू की गई हैं । इनमें ये शामिल हैं : सांविधिक नकदी अनुपात (एस एल आर) और आरक्षित नकदी निधि अनुपात (सीआर आर) में कमी, ब्याज दर संरचना का सरलीकरण, पूंजी पर्याप्तता आदि के निर्धारण और प्रावधान संबंधी आवश्यकताओं के संबंध में मानदण्ड निर्धारित करना अधिक सुस्पष्टता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए तुलन पत्र और लाभ एवं हानि के फार्मेटों का संशोधन, शाखा लाइसेंसिंग के लिये भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के मार्गनिर्देशों का संशोधन भारतीय औद्योगिक वित्त निगम (आईएफसीआई) का कंपनी के रूप में परिवर्तन नए गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों के प्रवेश के संबंध में मार्गनिर्देश जारी करना पूंजी बाजार के उदारीकरण के लिए उपाय एस ई बी आई को सांविधिक शक्तियां प्रदान करना कर रियायतों के क्षेत्र में विभिन्न म्युचुअल फंडों के साथ समान व्यवहार आदि ।

अनियमितताओं की पुनरावृत्ति को रोकने के लिए विशेष रूप से प्रतिभूतियों के लेनदेनों में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने विभिन्न उपाय किए हैं जिनमें ये शामिल हैं :- बैंकों के निवेश पोर्टफोलियों के संबंध में विस्तृत मार्गनिर्देश जारी करना ग्राहकों की ओर से बिलों की सुनाई/पुनर्भुनाई और पोर्टफोलियो प्रबंध बैंकों के राजकोषीय लेनदेनों की बारीकी से निगरानी, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक में निधि प्रबंध कक्ष की स्थापना और भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के प्रमुख सार्वजनिक ऋण कार्यालयों में कंप्यूटरीकृत प्रणाली की शुरुआत ।

बैंकिंग और वित्तीय संस्थाओं की पर्यवेक्षण प्रणाली को सुधारने और उसे मजबूत बनाने के लिए एक पर्यवेक्षी बोर्ड की स्थापना करने का भी निर्णय लिया गया है ।

Misuse of Money by Nationalised Banks in Bihar

1888. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:
SHRI NARAIN PRASAD GUPTA:

Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the State Government owned corporations in Bihar have misused Rs. 100 crore lent to them by various nationalised banks; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what steps have Government taken to recover that loan and details thereof; and

(c) the time since when this loan is pending for recovery and what are the major impediments in its recovery and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS